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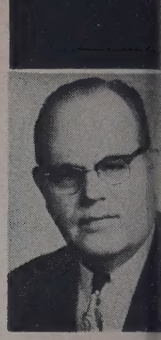
"QUESTION 7"

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY



Harold E. Westerhoff

Seldom, if ever, have we recommended in these pages that our readers should see a particular motion picture. We strongly recommend that you and adults alike see "Question 7." You will not be entertained but you will have real-life drama unfolded before your eyes. You will, from the experience, become better informed about a menace that is creeping not just across these lands of ours but around the world.

"Question 7" deals frankly and with force with Godless, atheistic Communism. It asks the most important question of the twentieth century . . . which everyone must essentially answer for himself. The setting is behind the Iron Curtain but the question is universal.

The motion picture screenplay was written by Allen Sloane, produced by Louis de Rochemont Associates, and distributed by Lutheran Film Associates. Its tremendous reception by the public motion picture houses has been matched by showings under Christian and other religious auspices here and abroad.

"Question 7" unmasks the anguish and struggle of Christians behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany. It is revealed in the lives of Pastor Gottfried, his persevering young wife, his shattered son Peter. Much of the plot centers around Peter and his talent for good music which is exploited by his Communist tormentors, who are his teachers in school and his youth companions and schoolmates. Effort is made to cau Peter's talents to be turned in the dire tion of subservience and betrayal.

Arrayed against the Gottfried fami is Peter's persuasive Marxist teacher, t scheming party functionaries, and all t anti-Christian forces that can be ma shalled together.

This is not a film with a fabled, ima ined plot—it is life. On one of my tri into Berlin before the Wall, in East Be lin I met a Pastor and his son who cou very well be the subject of this pictur It is a picture about faith in God—a the way that faith is sorely tested.

Every Christian Endeavorer cou profit from seeing "Question 7."

March and April Dates

March

21-24—Oregon Convention, Tillamook

Contact: Miss Dorothy E. Howes, 303 Davis Building, Portland 4, Oregon

29-31—Washington State Convention

Contact: Rev. Robert D. Parker, P.O. Box 146, Alderwood Manor, Washington

April

26-28—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Contact: Mr. James R. Westerhoff, P.O. Box 265, Hawthorne, New Jersey

Pray for these Christian Endeavor events!

COVER CLUES

Governor George Romney delivers official proclamation of 1963 Christian Endeavor Week to Michigan Union's general secretary, Elwood Dunn. Other Endeavorers (from left) are David Burkett and Stephen Minnema of Grand Rapids and Rev. Paul Bennehoff, Lansing.

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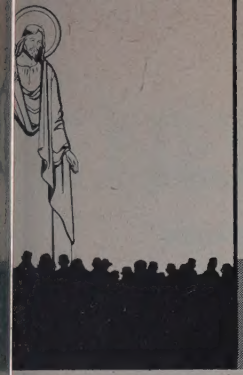


Christian Endeavor Week 1963

JANUARY 27 -- FEBRUARY 3

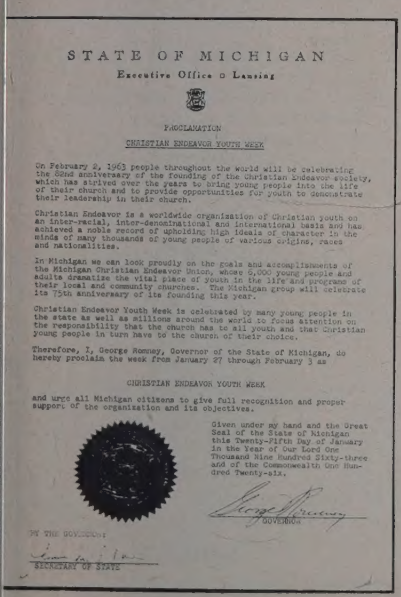
THEME: "TO FILL THE EMPTINESS"

ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

Early reports of the observance of hristian Endeavor Week 1963 indicate variety of activities from coast to coast. ere are highlights of those events which ere reported to Christian Endeavor eadquarters before press time.

Additional reports, with photos, will ppear in the April issue of THE HRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

HIS IS THE Christian Endeavor Week roclamation issued January 25 by overnor George Romney of Mich-an. Present when the Proclamation as signed (see the front cover) were wood Dunn, general secretary of the ichigan Union; Rev. Paul Bennehoff Plymouth Congregational Church, nsing; David Burkett, past president the Christian Endeavor Society of anner Street United Brethren in Christ nurch, Grand Rapids; Stephen Min-ema, current president of this so-ety; and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, .D., president of both the Interna-onal Society and the World's Union.



STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive Office o Lansing

PROCLAMATION

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR YOUTH WEEK

On February 2, 1963 people throughout the world will be celebrating the 82nd anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor society, which has strived over the years to bring young people into the life of their church and to provide opportunities for youth to demonstrate their leadership in their church.

Christian Endeavor is a worldwide organization of Christian youth on an inter-racial, inter-denominational and international basis and has achieved a noble record of upholding high ideals of character in the minds of many thousands of young people of various origins, races and nationalities.

In Michigan we can look proudly on the goals and accomplishments of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union, where 6,000 young people and adults dramatize the vital place of youth in the life and programs of their local and community churches. The Michigan group will celebrate its 75th anniversary of its founding this year.

Christian Endeavor Youth Week is celebrated by many young people in the state as well as millions around the world to focus attention on the responsibility that the church has to all youth and that Christian young people in turn have to the church or their choice.

Therefore, I, George Romney, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week from January 27 through February 3 as

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR YOUTH WEEK

and urge all Michigan citizens to give full recognition and proper support of the organization and its objectives.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this Twenty-Fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-three and of the Commonwealth One Hundred Twenty-six.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

ALABAMA—The state union sponsored a rally at Ensley Community Church, near Birmingham, February 3. Rev. Myron F. Weston, new pastor at the church, spoke to the teen-agers and adults. His wife, Mrs. Peggy Weston, was in charge of the program for the Juniors. Violet Keith is Alabama Union president.

PENNSYLVANIA—Erie County Endeavorers entered a float in the Winter Carnival parade February 1 in Erie. Chairman of Christian Endeavor Week activities was Mrs. Herbert Davies; float chairman was Ernest Smathers.

NEW YORK—Brooklyn Union's birthday party February 9 at First A.M.E. Zion Church included singing with Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, films of local Endeavorers and their travels and activities, devotions, and tea. This was sponsored by the Recreation Department of Brooklyn Union.

INDIANA—Endeavorers of the Northeast Union enjoyed a banquet February 1 at the Hobby Ranch House at Fort Wayne. Speaker was Dr. Earle W. Gates of Derby, New York, immediate past president of the International Society. Harold E. Westerhoff and Phyllis I. Rike of the International Society Staff also participated. There were over 150 present.

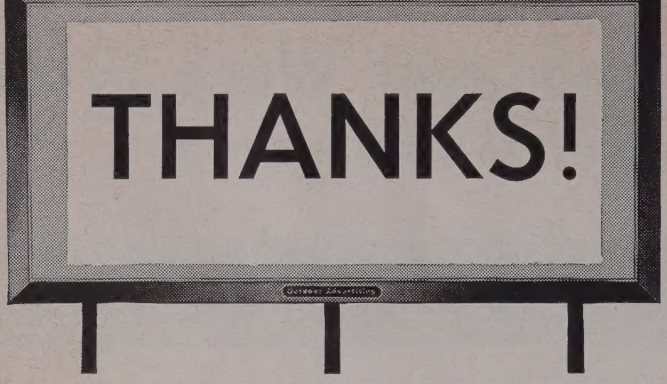
OHIO—The novel theme of "baking a Christian Endeavor cake" held the attention of 230 youth at the Franklin County birthday rally Sunday afternoon, February 3, at West Second Avenue United Presbyterian Church in Columbus. Cecil A. Jeffery, Ohio Union's general secretary, participated. Chairman was David Hildreth.

MASSACHUSETTS—The historic anniversary service at Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, was held February 3. Dr. Eugene Dinsmore Dolloff, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Bedford, spoke on "Reach for the Stars." Rev. Edward G. Johnston is Massachusetts Union president.

GOLDEN RULE—Endeavorers in the Nation's Capital met at Zion Baptist Church February 1 for an anniversary banquet which featured Arch J. McQuilkin of Pennsylvania as the speaker. Joseph A. Barnes, field secretary, was program committee chairman. The banquet was a kick-off for intensive activity in connection with the International Convention in Washington July 2-6. Clenzo Miles is union president.

DALLAS ENDEAVORERS heard Robert Ross (top photo) speak on "To Fill the Emptiness" at their banquet February 1. Mr. Ross is minister of Memorial Christian Church, Palestine. Honored as the oldest Endeavorer present, Mrs. W. H. Browning received a corsage (bottom photo) from David Wallace, toastmaster, and Janet Morris. Mary Moffitt was general chairman.

Photo by Mary Moffitt



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Christian Endeavorers throughout the United States and Canada express gratitude to the companies listed below, who have received posters as part of the 1963 program. This highway evangelism is made possible through the generous contributions of local poster plant owners who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Thanks is due, too, to each Christian Endeavorer wi assisted in making the program possible. These "silent me sengers" bring the Christian Endeavor story to millions w travel along the streets and highways. Thanks to all of yo

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Wisconsin

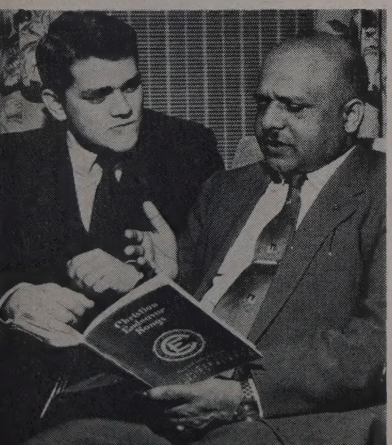
Harrison Vande Berg, Waupun

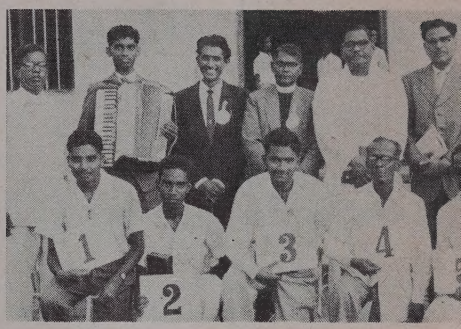
NEWS AND VIEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the Intermediate ristian Endeavor Society of Rea Ave- e Reformed Church of Hawthorne, w Jersey, for its accomplishments ce October. President Wayne Vander l reports that the members (sixth, venth, and eighth graders) sent $50 the Clerins, their French missionaries Canada, in November; in December ey purchased supplies and rebound 50 mnals for their own church and they ed one week's offering to send Christ- as gifts to the Winnebago Indian eservation in Nebraska. All this in ldition to regular weekly devotional eetings and monthly socials! The group ganized for the year early in October d elected officers in November.

FREEDOMS FACTS, a monthly publica- on of the All-American Conference to mbat Communism, is a *must* for any- e interested in the menace of Com- unism. Subscribe at the rate of $3 year through the International Society.

NDIAN LEADER Harold Benson (right) scusses Christian Endeavor with chard Parks, president of Lehigh ounty Union, during a recent visit Allentown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Ben- n, who is a former vice-president nd currently an adviser of the Indian nion, spent six months in the United ates and Canada studying educa- onal methods and systems. While in llentown he spoke at a number of nristian Endeavor meetings. He is rincipal of the government Nutan- idyalaya Secondary School in Indore, entral India. He was especially anx- us to meet Pennsylvania Endeavor- s because of their support of the ork in India.





BIBLE QUIZ winners at the 11th All-India Convention in Bangalore are (left) the Ranipet Christian Endeavor Society which took top honors among the Intermediate and Senior youth (high school age) and the group from Immanuel Church of Coimbatore, first place winners among the young people. The younger group was quizzed on Galatians, the older Endeavorers on Mark. Winners received Bibles.

• ATLANTIC CITY will attract many Endeavorers April 26-28 for the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference at the Hotel Madison. James R. Westerhoff, vice-president in charge of the region, reports the sessions will center around the theme "A Blueprint for Leadership." Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Union, and Gordon McMordie, Pennsylvania general secretary, will present leadership specifications. Buzz groups on planning will be led by Frances M. Becker and B. McClain Cochran, both of Pennsylvania, and Rev. Christian A. Tirre and Phyllis I. Rike, International Society staff members. Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., president of the International Society and the World's Union, will help form the "Final Draft" while Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both organizations, will moderate a panel discussion and lead the Closing Moments. The "Blueprint for Leadership" will be given Saturday evening by Dr. Fred Kuehner, dean of the Reformed Episcopal theological seminary of Philadelphia. Send registration fee of $1 to Frances A. Miller, 46 Jones Street, Jersey City 6, New Jersey, to receive hotel reservation forms.

• GERMAN ENDEAVORERS each year give a Christmas thank-offering amounting to several thousand dollars. This is used to help other national unions. Recipients have been India, Pakistan, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Jamaica, Trinidad, and Berlin. In addition, the movement in Germany supports a small staff of doctors and nurses who work in one of the distressed areas of India.

• COPIES OF "WHY WE CHOOSE CHRIST," the book by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, are still available from Christian Endeavor Headquarters. Cost is $2.50 a copy.

• THERE'S STILL TIME to sign up for Christian Endeavor's 1963 International Fellowship Tour of the Bible Lands and Southern Europe. Harold E. Westerhoff, tour director, calls this "a lifetime of travel in the tour of a lifetime." In addition to an eleven-day visit in and around old and new Jerusalem, the group will visit Istanbul, Damascus, Athens, Corinth, Rome, Barcelona, and Lisbon. From July 22, when the party leaves New York International Airport on a Pan-American Airways Jet, until the group returns August 21, this will be a thrill-packed tour. The cost, per person, for this all-expense, personally conducted tour operated by the Travel Department of the International Society is $1,350. A deposit of $200 will reserve a place. Hurry—space is limited!

VERGIE LOU RUDOLPH, president of the Maryland Union, is secretary of the Washington County Board of Education in Hagerstown. She is a Sunday school teacher and member of the Senior Choir at Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church and has served as president of the local union.

Party Plans

by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Davies

APRIL SHOWERS

At committee-planning time, jot down all the words that remind you of spring, April, showers, storms. Then rhyme them or adapt them for original publicity and games.

SHOWERS OF PUBLICITY

Shower your group with friendly invitations: phone calls, conversations, posters, and flyers which display umbrellas, rain gear, daffodils, catchy phrases, game names, as *Come in out of the Strain Storm—it's Hurry-cane time!*

INVITATION

FUN REIGNS AT OUR APRIL SHOWERS PARTY!
The Rain Date is.....
Join the *(society)* muddle-puddle at *(place)*
starting at *(time)* .
—RAIN OR SHINE—(but we're hoping for rain)

DAZZLING OR DRIZZLING DECORATIONS

A huge sign at the entry-way could read *It isn't raining rain to me,* and the entire decorative scheme could be bright daffodils of all sizes and materials. Or, if rain *is* rain to you, decorate with huge barometers, weather instruments, umbrellas, overshoes, a variety of raincoats, even a weather balloon.

COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN

Each arriving guest receives a mimeographed weather report about the *Tornado* which has caused a confusing *Muddle Puddle.* The casualties are listed: mis-matched socks, shoes, ear-rings; shoe strings laced wrong; buttons missing; sweaters buttoned wrong, etc. (These mix-ups are planned ahead by calling various guests.) The *weather report* is to be completed by filling in the name of the persons beside the listed calamities. The winner could receive a *Farmers' Almanac* or pin-wheel for a prize.

Fog Bound (to divide into teams). Give each person a drop-shaped piece of paper on which is written a sound to be made for identification when fog bound. Use as many sounds as you want teams, such as fog horn, boat whistle, bell buoy, S.O.S. No one should reveal his sound until the lights are turned out. Then he is to call it loudly and find his team mates, who are making the same *fog bound* noise. If response to this is good, you may wish to have them use their identification sounds at other times during the party.

TEAM TEMPESTS

Provide each team with a large cardboard thermometer on which to keep its score, each with a *weather man* to raise the temperature score with a marking crayon. Use about five degrees for each game, for better visual effects. The winning team award can be a package of balloo labeled *Windstorm Winners,* or *It was a breeze.*

Caught in a Strain Storm (or Hurry-cane Relay). Prepa an elaborate rain outfit for each team: large boots, raincoa hat, gloves, umbrella. Place it and several awkward-shape packages or objects in a carton about fifteen feet in fro of each line. The front player of each team runs to t carton, dons the outfit, gathers up the packages, runs to h line and hands the packages to the next person, who pass them down the line. The coated player picks up the packag again as they reach the foot of the line, dashes back to t carton and places the packages and rain clothing in it, the returns to tap the next player and go to the end of the lin First team to have all players brave the strain wins.

Raining Cats and Dogs. Give each player three ca (bottle caps) and three dogs (clothes pins). (Other objec can be used, but they should vary in shape and weight. Place an open umbrella upside-down about ten feet in fro of each line. Each player takes a turn at tossing the "cats and "dogs" *alternately* into the umbrella. Score two poin for each successful "cat" toss, one point for a successf "dog" toss.

Puddle Huddle. Each team forms a huddle to think u songs, sayings, or poems that are associated with April showers. These can be used in various ways: a roll ca of teams until only one can respond, or as starters for grou singing, or as charades.

High Winds. The teams can remain in their huddl or can be again formed into lines. This time each play is given a paper bag. Each in turn blows up the bag an holding it high over his head, breaks it. Then the ne player in the team blows up his bag and breaks it. Agai first team finished is the winner and scores on the thermom eter. For variation, the entire team might remain in t huddle, all blow up their bags at the same time, all brea them at the same time.

REFRESHERS

An *April Showers Bring May Flowers* placard coul explain a floral centerpiece and decorations of colorful flowe The rainbow could also be used for the refreshment tab theme, with bright napkins, table cover, and dishes. Co mercial items for bridal and other showers can be used, to Fruit punch and cookies, or ice cream with a variety toppings, are colorful and spring-like.

FORECAST

Have *Gusty Gus* or *Gale* give a lively forecast of th events which will be happening in Christian Endeavor an in your church. These announcements can be given th build-up similar to that used in TV weather forecasts, co plete with the name of the sponsor (your society).

SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENTS

The devotional theme can show that, as God provid refreshing rain for the earth and physical refreshments f our bodies, he also provides spiritual refreshment (Deu 32:1-4). Other possible themes are *Showers of Blessing,* the promises symbolized by *The Rainbow* (Genesis 9:12-17

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Topic 1 in a Unit: What Is a Christian?

Is Your Heart in It?

Mark 11:1-11; Matthew 15:8
(Palm Sunday)

uggested Program

'e-prayer Time
'elude: *Give of Your Best to the Master* (Instrumental)
all to Worship: Psalm 24:3-5
ymn: *Living for Jesus*
rayer Time: (Plan for two or three Christian Endeavor members to lead the group in prayer.)
horuses: *God's Way My Way; Let the Beauty of Jesus; We Choose Christ*
cripture Lesson: Mark 11:1-11; Matthew 15:8
pecial Number
opic Presentation
oll Call: (To be answered with a brief testimony of commitment)
Iymn of Consecration: *Just As I Am Thine Own to Be*
)ffering and Announcements
Iymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (verses 1 and 4)
Iizpah Benediction

For the Leader and Counselor

Use as many of your committees as possible in preparation for this service. Today s the first Sunday of the month, the beginning of Holy Week, Palm Sunday, and a ery fitting time for the monthly consecration meeting. The topic, too, is a good one or such a service.

Begin early to plan this meeting as a pecial one for your Christian Endeavor Society. Every society, if it is alive and ctive, should expect to have young people vho have never accepted Jesus Christ as heir personal Saviour to do so during neetings such as this one. If we really are vorking *For Christ and the Church* this vill happen.

A panel discussion moderated by your ounselor or pastor on the topic as it relates o every part of an individual's life would e one way of conducting the discussion eriod. For this you will need to notify hose who will be serving on the panel as oon as possible so each one can make individual preparation and so that the panel members can meet with the moderator to plan their presentation. Be sure to tell your panel members how long each one has to present his part and the time you are allowing for the entire presentation. You may want to provide some time for questions from the group to be directed to the panel members. Prayerful planning of this service is very important if it is to be helpful.

At this season of the year an attractive and appropriate worship center will add much to your service. Perhaps the devotional committee could be responsible for this. Such a worship center could include potted palm plants between which is displayed a fairly large red heart in the center of which is a picture of Christ. Sallman's *Head of Christ* would be very good. In front of this arrangement place an open Bible.

A copy of Sallman's *Head of Christ* may be in one of the Sunday school departmental picture files and could be borrowed for the service. Be sure to return materials promptly if you borrow them. If not available from this source, some member of your society may have a copy you could use. Religious book stores have copies in different sizes. These are unframed and you could choose from these one that would be the proper size.

Publicity

Use the artistic ability of talented members of your group to plan posters announcing the service. Try placing a question or discussion topic on each poster and appropriately illustrating it. Be sure to include on the poster the type of meeting, the place, date, time, and any other information you want the group to know beforehand. Display the posters in different areas of the church where Junior High youth will see and read them. Remember to see that your pastor has an announcement for the church bulletin. Urge each member to bring another person to the service. An active lookout committee could be at work contacting absentees and new prospects. A telephone call following a personal contact can be very helpful, also.

Leader's Introduction

(This will be varied to fit the type of topic presentation being planned.)

Sometimes we see people, young and old, who do their work as if they were not one bit interested in whether it was done well or whether it was done at all. Perhaps you have heard someone remark that such an individual did not seem to have their heart in their work. Sometimes Christians may seem to be the same way about living for Christ. Our worship center this evening suggests to us that Jesus Christ is in the center of the Christian's heart. If this is true then the Christian will live the Christian life putting his whole heart into it. So this evening we are faced with the question, "Is your heart in it?" What answer will you and I give?

Talks on the Topic

1. A genuine Christian is first of all one who has accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour of his life. He has given his life to Christ for His service wherever He may lead and whatever He may ask him to do. When we do this it includes all of our daily life. We live for Christ today, right now, not next year or when we become adults. Does your daily living show that Christ is truly the center of your life and heart? How do we show to those around us that our heart is really in our service for the Lord?

Our heart is in our church attendance when we attend because we love to meet with other Christians for worship and

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study and not because we feel we are expected to be there. Other things will not draw us away from services easily. We will participate in the service whenever we are asked to do so. The hymns have a message for us as we sing them. We are attentive to the reading of the Scripture and to the sermon when it is presented because we expect to be helped to live a better Christian life.

2. Our heart is in our praying and Jesus is very real to us as we enjoy the time we spend in prayer. Prayer alone with God becomes a wonderful experience. In public services we do not hesitate to pray because we are talking with One who means everything to us and whom we know very personally. To be heard and answered a prayer need not be long, worded in a certain way, or prayed in a certain place. Real prayer is offered any time, any place, and in any circumstance. Sometimes it may be a prayer of thanks, sometimes a request for help or guidance. When Christ abides in a person's heart his heart is in his prayers.

3. If we find help for living the Christian life in our Bible reading our hearts will be in this too. It will become a vital part of our life not because we have a special emphasis on it in our Sunday school, church, or Christian Endeavor Society but because God speaks to us through His Word and helps us make decisions. During our Bible reading time we should feel very close to the Lord. Not for a moment should we discount the fact that temptation often comes to a young or a new Christian right here. Satan realizes the power a Christian receives from daily prayer time and Bible reading. Until doing this becomes a strong habit we may be tempted to allow other things to crowd in and crowd out our time with God.

4. When giving is so much a part of our life that we look forward to it with anticipation as a way of showing our love and appreciation for what the Lord has done for us, our heart is also in our giving. This is not limited to money alone. Giving can be whatever we have that is needed for the Lord's service — talent, time, money, understanding, and sympathy. Many times money cannot supply the need of someone. An elderly person, unable to attend services, may not need money but rather someone to take the time to visit with them and brighten their day. Is our time, money, and all that we have thoughtlessly spent for our own pleasure while we have no time to be concerned about others. Remember the words of St. Paul when he said, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

5. Our hearts are in the service we render to God when we are ready and willing to accept the tasks that need to be done forgetting whether they are important or whether others will praise us. Tasks that may seem the least worthwhile may in reality be the most important. Every leader must have followers. For everyone who may seem prominent there are many who are performing worthwhile tasks unnoticed. If our heart is in our service for Christ and the church we will be anxious to find a place of service that will glorify our Heavenly Father—someone to witness to about our Saviour and perhaps to lead them to accept Him; a visit to someone who is ill; an errand for someone in need.

PLAN I—A PANEL DISCUSSION

To set up this type of topic presentation select a moderator—one who introduces the members of the panel and speaks briefly concerning the general topic to be discussed and points to be emphasized. He will also present the question to each panel member during the discussion. The Junior High counselor or the pastor could be asked to assume this role. They would then be able to assist individual members of the panel in preparing their material for presentation.

Assign each of the following questions to Junior High youth who will be members of the panel:

1. **What is meant by having one's heart in his church attendance?**
2. **What difference will it make for an individual to have his heart in his prayer life?**
3. **How will having one's heart in their Bible reading make a difference in their Christian life?**
4. **Giving or stewardship of what God has given us includes not only money but time, talent, and all we possess. What does having our hearts in this mean? What difference will it make whether we do or don't?**
5. **Will having one's heart in his Christian servi make a difference? If it will, what is th difference?**

Following the presentation of th panel discussion, the moderator, if th leader has planned time for it, may as members of the group for further que tions or comments concerning any que tion discussed by the panel. He ma follow this period with a brief summar of the discussion and turn the meetin back to the leader.

PLAN II—GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. **When we say one's heart is in somethin what do we mean? Does it always apply t Christian living?**
2. **How can having or not having one's heart i Church attendance make a difference?**
3. **Do you think it is possible to half-hearted pray and read the Bible? If so, what diffe ence would this make? Read Psalm 119:10,1**
4. **What would be the difference in whol hearted and half hearted giving of one time, talent, money, etc. to the Lord's service Read II Corinthians 9:6-9.**
5. **How does the spiritual condition of a pe son's heart affect his Christian service? Rea Luke 6:43-45.**
6. **What can be done if one realized that h heart has not been in his Christian living a it should be? Read I John 1:9.**

Following the discussion period woul be a very fitting time to present the chal lenge of the Quiet Hour and to pass ou the folder *What Is The Quiet Hour* available from the International Societ of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broa Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, price 35c pe dozen.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 1 God Searches the Heart
Jeremiah 17:9-1

T. Apr. 2 God's Word Probes the Heart
Hebrews 4:12,1

W. Apr. 3 Believe from the Heart
Romans 10:9-1

T. Apr. 4 Love from the Heart
Matthew 22:34-4

F. Apr. 5 Give from the Heart
II Corinthians 9:6-

S. Apr. 6 Worship from the Heart
Psalm 24:3-

Sun. Apr. 7—Topic: Is Your Heart in It?
Mark 11:1-11; Matthew 15:
(Palm Sunday)

Comments by Wilma L. Monroe, an elementar schoolteacher in Celina, Ohio, and director o camps for the United Brethren in Christ, and former missionary in Sierra Leone

Topic 2 in a Unit: What Is a Christian?

New Easter Clothes

Romans 6:4-6; Ephesians 6:10-20
(Easter)

uggested Program

re-prayer Time
relude: *He Rose Triumphantly* (Instrumental)
all to Worship: Romans 12:1,2
ymn: *He Lives*
rayer
cripture Lesson: Romans 6:4-6; Ephesians 6:10-20
pecial Music
ffering and Announcements
opic Presentation
ymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
losing Prayer and Benediction

or the Leader

Arrange for a worship center suitable r Easter. Again today the devotional mmittee could assume this responsiility. A lily or a bouquet of flowers nd an open Bible can well be used. eep the arrangement simple and neat. s for other services the lookout comittee should be at work with absentees nd alert to contact new prospects.

Publicity should be out at least a week head of the meeting. Posters can be repared and placed in conspicuous laces. Remember to include an interestg statement concerning the meeting, lso the time, the place, and the date.

Assign special parts early so those parcipating will have sufficient time to repare.

Have someone in your society draw Roman soldier on white poster board. e sure to include on the drawing the arts of armor mentioned in the Scripure lesson. Then prepare from colored nstruction paper each part of the arior so it can be placed on the black nd white figure in its proper place. On ne separate pieces print in black letters hat the piece is, for example, on the irdle print *Truth, Ephesians 6:14;* on ne breastplate print *Righteousness, phesians 6:14;* etc. Put a piece of doule faced scotch tape or masking tape n each piece just before the service. he tape will hold the piece securely the picture when it is placed there y the person who will discuss that pecific piece of armor as it relates to hristian living.

Our Aims

1. To help Junior Highs understand that a Christian is a new person in Christ.
2. To better understand some of the new relationships that Christians have.

Leader's Talk

Last Sunday evening we discussed the necessity of accepting Christ as Saviour and the many ways that we have as Christians to put our whole heart into our daily living for Him. The apostle Paul emphasizes this in II Corinthians 5:17 when he says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Today we want to think of this *new creature,* the Christian, as we discuss our topic *New Easter Clothes.*

At this time of the year, in many areas, nature is taking on a new appearance. In temperate climates trees and shrubs that have stood bare and seemingly dead are springing back to life anew as young leaves appear. In the fields, too, new life is stirring as crops are planted and they begin to grow. Young animals are seen more frequently than at other seasons. Yes, even people have caught the spirit of the season and new clothes are appearing everywhere. In the world around us we are reminded that something different is taking place. We want to look at the new life into which the individual enters when he becomes a Christian.

Talks on the Topic

1. Think of the different kinds of work people do. When a person begins a new job he makes sure he has suitable clothing to wear. A carpenter wears one type of clothing, the attendant at a service station wears clothing entirely different. A nurse has a special type of uniform she always wears at her work. Even today a soldier is recognized by the uniform he wears. Living in different climates requires different clothes. We wear the clothing that is best for the task we are to do and the climate in which we live.

Easter causes all of us to think of new life not only because in many places nature takes on a new or different appearance but primarily because of the resurrection of Christ on that day. Jesus had completed the plan God had for saving mankind. When a person accepts Christ as his personal Saviour a change takes place in his life. He is different. Our daily Bible readings during the past week have emphasized this fact. Let us notice how he is different.

2. First of all a person who has accepted Christ has a new name he has the privilege of using—Christian or a follower of Christ. To follow someone is to strive to be like him, to please him, and talk about him. So it should be for the Christian.

The Christian not only has a new name but he becomes a member of a large family, the family of God. In Ephesians 2:19, Paul tells us we are no longer strangers but we are "of the household of God". Also because we belong to Christ we have salvation, something the Gentiles (those who were not Jews) could not hope to have before the Gospel was preached to them. In their worship of idols they found no peace or hope such as we enjoy as Christians.

In Ephesians 6:10-20 Paul talks about the new clothing the Christian must wear if he is to be a true Christian, overcoming the temptations to do evil, equipped to live a life that will be pleasing to God. Let's notice the parts of a Christian's armor and their importance to his life.

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3. The girdle or belt represents Truth. As the girdle was useful to an ancient Roman soldier to hold his small weapons and to keep the other pieces of his armor in place so the Christian needs to be sincere and honest with God, others, and ourselves. Christ gives us the desire to be honest or truthful as He was.

4. Righteousness is compared to the breastplate which covered that portion of the body which contains those organs that were absolutely necessary if the soldier was to live. If we are living a life of righteousness or true holiness made possible through Christ we know that our life is pleasing to God. We also know we can depend on Him to guide us and help us in the times when temptations seem the greatest.

5. The military boots or footwear are very important for the soldier. He cannot march unless his feet are well protected. Neither can we carry the message of Christ to others unless we know it well ourselves. This piece of armor is secured by Bible study by ourselves and in groups such as Sunday school and Christian Endeavor. If God's Word is hid in our hearts we will be anxious to share it with others.

As the soldier needs his shield for protection so the Christian needs protection against temptation. Faith that Christ is able and will strengthen us to overcome temptation is the Christian's shield and a very important part of his armor.

6. A soldier also needs protection for his head and the ancient Roman soldier's helmet gave him the protection he needed for his head and face. When we accept Christ as Saviour, our salvation from sin is brought about and is our protection against sin, too. Salvation serves the same purpose in our daily Christian life the Roman soldier's helmet served for him during a battle.

The last part of the Christian's armor is the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, the Holy Bible. How well we need to know God's Word if we are going to pass it on to others that they too may conquer sin! We need it if we are going to defend ourselves against sin in our own lives.

7. We need the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the Gospel, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit or the Bible. The apostle Paul reminds us, however, that even though we have these we need to pray earnestly at all times and be watchful that we do not allow sin to enter our lives unexpectedly. We need to pray that God will continually guide us so that we may use our Christian armor in the best possible way and that our lives may be a living witness for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Indeed when a person accepts Christ as his personal Saviour his life is changed and new and he then also puts on the Christian armor which has been provided for him. Christ in his resurrection brought new hope and new life to all who would accept Him as Lord and Saviour. So it is important that we should consider the new dress of the Christian believer on this Easter day.

Another Plan

Have Junior High members speak on the following subjects:

1. **Discuss the importance of the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness and the shoes of the Gospel to the Christian. How may they be used?**
2. **How does the Christian use the shield of faith in his daily Christian living? How might his shield be destroyed?**
3. **Discuss the use of the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit. Which of these may be used both offensively and defensively?**
4. **Explain the importance of prayer and watchfulness for the Christian.**
5. **Why do you think the apostle Paul compared the Christian's preparation for life with that of a soldier prepared for battle? Do you think he was right?**

The leader may use question five as a question for general discussion if he does not want to assign it to an individual. This would help to bring the entire group into the discussion and give them an opportunity to add their thoughts to those already expressed and to ask questions if they wish.

The topic presentation period may be closed with a period of prayer when several will lead in prayer asking especially that the Lord will help each one to live a consistent, daily Christian life putting on the whole armor the Lord has provided. Remember also to make this a time of thanksgiving also for what the Lord has already done for you saving you and guiding you in His wa

For the Counselor

Especially in the alternative plan you ma need to give some help and direction as th discussion topics are prepared.

You will need to be prepared to ente into the discussion of question five if it used for general discussion. The practic application of the entire topic may becom more real to the members of your Junio High society during this period and ma result in further questions being raise which will be very important to the mem bers of your group.

Pray much for the leader and thos participating in the presentation of th topic that it may be to the honor and glor of God.

It might be helpful for you and you Junior Highs if you had on hand copies the folder *Life's Greatest Decisions* avai able from the International Society at 35 a dozen. During the Easter season speci emphasis should be placed on challengin your young people to make decisions f Christ and this folder can be helpful making clear the meaning of decision.

Don't forget the *Daily Bible Readin* as these can be used in a number different ways in the topic or as a co clusion and summary.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 8 The Christian's New Name Acts 11:25,

T. Apr. 9 The Christian's New Family Ephesians 2:19-

W. Apr. 10 The Christian's New Hope Ephesians 2:11-

T. Apr. 11 The Christian's New Blessednes Matthew 5:1-

F. Apr. 12 The Christian's New Crown James 1:9-

S. Apr. 13 The Christian's New Way of Li II Corinthians 5:16,

Sun. Apr. 14—Topic: New Easter Clothes Romans 6:4-6; Ephesians 6:10-

(Easter)

Comments by Wilma L. Monroe, an elementa schoolteacher in Celina, Ohio, and director camps for the United Brethren in Christ, and former missionary in Sierra Leone

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Topic 1 in a Unit: Following Christian Principles

Conquering Inner Space Monsters

Proverbs 25:28

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to worship
Hymn: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
Scripture Reading Proverbs 25:28
Prayer Hymn: *I Surrender All*
Sentence Prayers (encourage all present to participate)
Announcements and offering
Hymn: *Jesus Never Fails*
Topic Presentation and Discussion
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Closing prayer and Mizpah Benediction

Publicizing the Meeting

An unusual publicity gimmick which would be in keeping with the space age theme will attract attention and serve the intended purpose. At your neighborhood drug store secure a sufficient number of gelatin capsules in which you can insert a folded note with the meeting details. These should be sent through the mail or handed to the young people you wish to invite.

Counseling the Counselor

It will be necessary for you to help the person leading the discussion of the topic to think through the topic and to understand the logical progression of thought. The outline should prove helpful to you in this respect.

Your responsibility will be greatly increased if it is decided to discuss in a similar way other *Inner Space Monsters* in addition to the one dealt with in this discussion guide. If so, discuss with the leaders involved questions similar to those raised in this discussion and apply them to the other problems which you wish to discuss.

Throughout the discussion it may be necessary to guide it back upon the primary subject. However, use wisdom, be certain that you do not dominate or manipulate the discussion.

The group, with your valuable assistance behind the scenes, should have a good time with this topic.

Our Aims

1. To help Junior Highs gain a better understanding of themselves.

2. To guide Junior Highs in a discussion of anger and temper control.

3. To assure Junior Highs of the reality of divine assistance through all of life's struggles.

Worship Aids

The following classical prayer of St. Francis of Assisi might be used somewhere in your service of worship:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Topic Discussion Outline

I Sharing Session

II When Anger is Legitimate
- A. Biblical Illustration
  - 1. Jesus cleansing the Temple
- B. Present-day Illustration
  - 1. U. S. vs. Cuba
- C. Biblical Statement
  - 1. Paraphrase
  - 2. Modern translations
- D. Conclusion
  - 1. Illustration

III When Anger is Sinful
- A. What makes anger sinful?
- B. Why do people get angry?
  - 1. Attract attention
  - 2. Negative technique for getting their own selfish way.
- C. How to Overcome Uncontrollable Anger
  - 1. Understand the problem
  - 2. Know yourself
  - 3. Seek help available from God
    - a) Scriptural guidance

IV Conclusion
- A. Review insights gained

Topic Presentation

HOW TO BEGIN

If you are planning to make a concentrated study of anger, one of the many possible Inner Space Monsters, you may wish to begin with something like the following:

Human emotions are highly explosive stuff. Each time we blow our stack we show the truth of this statement. Many times after a display of anger we are sorry for what we said and did and promise to keep ourselves under better self control on the next occasion. There are, however, other times when we don't feel guilty about our display of anger. Since control of temper is a cancer, from one degree or another, for the most of us and since our lives are riddled with such experiences of victory or defeat with this problem we should have an interesting, helpful, and lively discussion.

Now give the group a breakdown of the procedure you will follow in developing the topic. Something like this will be suitable:

After sharing with each other some personal experiences in which anger played an important role, we will discuss together the question as to whether or not anger is ever right or legitimate. This will be followed by a consideration of anger as a sin. We will think about such questions as, Why do we get angry? What makes us lose our tempers? and here we want to go beyond mere surface reasons.

Helpful considerations will be given to the need for self control and how we can cultivate self control and overcome an explosive temper.

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Having given to the group the direction in which you wish to lead them relate some personal experience involving the loss of temper to which you have given a great deal of previous consideration.

After you have shared your thoughts, encourage others among the group to relate some of their similar experiences this will help everyone to realize that temper control is a difficult struggle for many. If necessary help the thinking of the group by suggesting such areas of relationship as brothers or sisters or parents and children in which tempers get out of control. Suggest that perhaps one of the Junior Highs had been unjustly accused by parent, school authority or police which caused feelings to run high.

HOW TO PROCEED

Now throw out to the group for their response a suggestion that becoming angry may on some occasions be legitimate. You may want to put it in the form of a question or perhaps a statement of fact which will cause some questions to arise from the group.

Interject at this point some reference to Christ's experience with the moneychangers at the Temple (Mark 11:15-17). Do you get the impression that Jesus was angry with the pattern which had developed in the Temple? If you believe Jesus was angry and you believe that He was sinless, then the conclusion follows that there must be some reactions of anger which are right and legitimate.

Help the group to recall the reaction of the United States Government toward Cuba upon learning that Russian made missiles, capable of dealing a deathblow to the large East coast cities, were in the possession of Castro's government. Was this display of anger justified by the United States?

Now get the group's reaction to Paul's advice, "be angry but sin not" when speaking about Christian growth (Ephesians 4:26). Ask them to turn to the passage, read it and the verses surrounding it carefully and then ask them to paraphrase it or put it in their own words. The modern translations such as Philips and the New English New Testament can be a guide.

Guide the group into the realization that anger is necessary in life. That when the tiger of life becomes a purring acceptable household kitten, something has gone wrong.

Continue to build upon the thinking of the group by suggesting that there is an anger which becomes a Christian duty and the neglect of it becomes a sin. Search for some specific area of life in which anger is a duty. Try to center the thinking of the group upon some glaring social sin in your community. It might be the display and sale of pornographic literature, it might be an unconcern for poor housing conditions among the underprivileged. An angry concern that more money was spent for migratory birds in the United States, than on migrant laborers has awakened many groups to action.

However, the major concern of the study, that which gives the most difficulty is that kind of anger which is wrong and hurting and troublesome. You will therefore want to consider this problem carefully. You might want to raise the question, *What makes anger sinful? What are the characteristics of this unacceptable type of anger?* In the discussion you will probably discover that anger is sinful when it is directed against wrong objects, when it is in excess and uncontrollable, when it is selfish anger and when it is expressed in un-Christian and unlawful ways.

It will be helpful to consider some of the reasons why people do not control their tempers. Raise the question, *Why do people get angry?* or *Why do people react with anger to a particular situation?* After some of the to-be-expected answers are given begin asking for some answers with deeper insights. Many people react much the way a child acts who needs attention. He starts a temper tantrum and thereby receives the attention which he so badly needs.

There are other adults who have discovered a display of anger a helpful technique for getting their way in life and thus a display of temper becomes a pattern of living for them.

The next step to be taken is a consideration of the means whereby a person may overcome an uncontrollable temper. The first step is to understand the nature of the problem and to realize that the problem exists at all. Your former discussion should have developed this realization sufficiently as well as an understanding of the characteristics of the problem.

A second step necessary in resolving the difficulty is an understanding of one's self. *Why do I get angry?* with the emphasis on *I. What makes me tick? Why do I respond to certain situations in the manner in which I do?* These are some of the questions the persons in yo group should be asking themselves.

After the persons in the group ha looked at the problem and understa themselves against the background the problem lead them to see that the is a power and a control outside of ther selves which is available to everyor who wishes it. God, in all of His pow and wisdom, is available to all who wa Him through the Holy Spirit.

Refer the group to Romans 8:26 Paul applies the general statement in 26a to prayer but it can be ligitimate applied to the foregone discussion.

God does help our abilities and i abilities of self control. His wisdom available for insights into the problem anger.

HOW TO CONCLUDE

Guide the group in a review of th important insights which they hav gained through a discussion of this topi

Have a period of silent prayer wit soft musical background. Have eac one seriously look at his own life to se the inner forces that are preventing hi from really living and being the kind person God wants him to be. This perio of prayer and self-examination can b followed by the hymn of challeng *Living for Jesus.*

You might consider preparing a chec list that could be handed out at the clos of the meeting to each one attendin It could contain some of the inner spac monsters dealt with in the topic or coul be blank for each one to fill in himsel Encourage the Junior Highs to use th to help them overcome the wrong att tudes that are a part of their life. Yo might remind them to first pray befo acting or speaking unwisely.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 15	Covetousness	Exodus 20:
T. Apr. 16	Jealousy	Genesis 4:1
W. Apr. 17	Pride	Luke 18:9-
T. Apr. 18	An Uncontrolled Tongue	James 1:26
F. Apr. 19	An Unforgiving Spirit	Matthew 18:23-
S. Apr. 20	Christian Virtues	II Peter 1:5-
Sun. Apr. 21—Topic: Conquering Inner Spa Monsters		**Proverbs 25:**

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Following Christian Principles

How Honest Are You?

Proverbs 12:22

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to worship

Song Service: *Amazing Grace, Blessed Assurance, I Need Jesus*

Sentence Prayers (encourage all to participate)

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 12:22

Announcements and offering

Special Music

Topic Presentation and Discussion

Hymn: *I Would be like Jesus*

Closing prayer and Benediction

Counseling the Counselor

Yours is a wonderful opportunity—guiding young minds into a consideration of the application of Christian truths to life situations, the building of strong Christ-like characters and developing healthy and well adjusted personalities.

This topic discussion can be meaningful in all of these areas as the young people enter into it. Give the leader of the topic discussion your time and valuable assistance by motivating him to give the necessary imaginative thought to the topic and by helping him make the necessary decisions concerning the limit of subject material, method of presentation, and best suited individuals to participate.

Do not allow the amount of suggestions given to frustrate your topic leader and turn him to an easier method of presentation. Merely be selective. You know your group, their problems, the allotted time.

Don't be afraid of experimenting with new methods of dealing with old truths. It will keep the interest of your society at a high level and even more important it will involve many more of your members in active participation.

Thoughts about the Topic

Honesty, the subject of the topic discussion, has so many sides and areas of application which are a real part of teenage living that there is no end to the possibilities for this topic. Let's consider a few together, then use a little of your own imagination and draw upon your own experiences and then shortly other possibilities for the presentation and development of this topic will come popping up before you.

Our Aims

1. To discover the Scripture's teachings about honesty.
2. To discover the many areas of life in which the principles of honesty apply.
3. To guide Junior Highs into some constructive mental activity concerning the subject.
4. To help Junior Highs discover the necessity for a closer walk with the God of Truth.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Before you become too specific, consider the general areas of life where honesty plays an important role. It is important to be honest with oneself. Honesty in the classroom should be considered. Honesty as it applies to the getting and using of money must not be neglected. Honesty in politics, in advertising, and in newspaper reporting can also be lively subjects for discussion.

SPECIFIC SITUATIONS

Consider some specific situations within these areas. It is important that a young person be honest with himself as he faces the facts surrounding the relationship between cigarette smoking and cancer or as he recognizes some religious doubts and questions or as he realizes a pattern of excuses and alibis which he offers to cover up the ugly facts of reality.

In school a young person must be on guard against cheating in an examination; he must recognize the danger of selecting friends only because they are beneficial to him.

Gambling in all forms should be recognized as a dishonest way of trying to get something for nothing.

The book, *Hidden Persuaders* by Vance Packard, is filled with many devices used by the advertising industry which come dangerously close to being labeled dishonest or unethical. Every

once-in-a-while some question is raised about irresponsible reporting by some newspaper or magazine reporter.

You have been shown the possibilities for discussion which this topic contains and should be able to think of other possibilities which might be closer to the experiences of your society members than those already mentioned.

Methods of Approach

Having considered the subject matter, your next concern will be the method and individuals you wish to use to convey certain facts and truths which will help stimulate discussion in order that some insights concerning honesty might be gained.

You might want to consider a role playing situation in which a teen-ager is confronted by his doctor with the facts of the relationship between inhaled nicotine and cancer. Two young people would be needed, one to play the role of the typical Junior High who raises all kinds of objections and offers many types of reasons trying to evade the truth of the facts before him. The other young person could play the role of the doctor who gives various facts and findings concerning cancer and nicotine.

You may wish to set up a counseling situation between a pastor and a boy who has had some honest doubts about the church. Ask your pastor to work with you. Write a script drawing upon some of the observations about your young people's doubts. You might wish to put it on tape or you could have two

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young people act out the situation. Your pastor could play his role and a Junior High playing the role of a confused young person would be still another way of presenting the facts. Throughout the conversation drive home the fact that doubts about one's faith or one's church is natural and that it is helpful to discuss them in order to find some answers for them.

Select a young person who has an active imagination and an ability to write essays. Ask the writer to prepare an essay describing a young person who is always making alibis and is unable to face the facts that he might be wrong in a certain situation. Or, you might have discovered in your reading the story of such a person. Use such a story or essay as the basis for discussing the necessity of being honest with oneself.

You shouldn't find it difficult to draw from the group some attitudes about cheating. *The Seven Teen Years,* by Alberta Z. Brown has a section entitled, Your Money and a chapter entitled, The Game Nobody Wins which if read to the group could start them thinking about the uselessness of gambling and would guide them in developing the Christian attitude of stewardship.

Cut several advertisements from some leading magazine which illustrate a few unethical methods used by the advertising industry to entice people into buying a certain product as it is discussed in *Hidden Persuaders.*

It is important to recognize that you will probably not have sufficient time to use all of the ideas suggested, particularly if you have a lively group which enjoys discussion. Therefore, decide upon those ideas derived either from your own thinking about the topic or from those suggested which will fit your program. Proceed then to find and inform the persons you will need to help you.

HOW TO BEGIN

You may wish to begin by having different versions of the Scripture read. Have the group discover the various words used to interpret the basic idea of honesty. As the group discovers such words as *truly, faithfully, sincerely,* write them on the chalkboard; then ask for other synonyms and antonyms. The group should be able to think of such words as *integrity, deceit, falsehood, lying, and cheating.*

After these words are placed on a chalkboard in full view of the group, proceed to interest them in doing some of the preliminary thinking which you did about the subject. Ask such questions as the following: *In what general areas of life does the virtue of honesty apply?* Then mention one or two such as home, school, etc. As the group follows with their suggestions place these on the chalkboard leaving space to write some of the specific situations to which your next question will relate. Ask, *Try and recall some personal experiences which would illustrate the application of honesty.* As these experiences are briefly told, place them under the proper suggestion previously listed on the chalkboard.

With these preliminary remarks the group should be showing an active interest in the subject.

HOW TO PROCEED

Introduce to the group the following procedure which you intend to use. You might say something like this. We have considered and listed on the chalkboard many areas in which honesty can play an important role. Let's pinpoint one of them for further discussion. (Then encircle the one or more areas in which you intend to present some further food for thought.)

If you are going to use a role playing situation, introduce the persons participating and briefly relate the setting. It would go something like this, *Joe Richie is going to take the part of a typical Junior High and discuss with a doctor, played by Jim Duggan, the relationship between cigarette smoking and cancer.*

Many leading magazines will give you sufficient material in order to present an intelligent discussion on the matter. But remember, the Junior High young person in the face of all of the facts is to argue, reason, and offer all kinds of lame excuses in favor of smoking.

After the role playing be certain that your questions bring out into the open the subject which you are trying to present which is the importance of being honest with one's self. Be on guard that you do not get lost in a discussion about cancer and cigarettes. Your questions could be similar to these: *What seems to blind Joe to the true facts in the case? Why do you think he is aware or unaware that he is evading the facts? In what way is Joe being dishonest with himself? What are some of the things in life which tend to blind us to the facts about us? In what ways do we distort the truth in order to make it more acceptable for us? How can we become more aware of our self deceiving?* Avoid questions which require a short yes or n answer.

The discussion following might subm the proposal that Joe's Dad, a chai smoker who has had a recent lung ope ation, has all of the symptoms of lun cancer mentioned by Doctor Duggan i the skit. Perhaps Joe, in fear for his Da is trying to shut out of his mind th ugly facts of reality.

Suggest another reason. Perhaps Jo has the misguided opinion that to b a man you have to smoke. Perhaps h sees himself as the man with a beautifu girl beside him and a cigarette in h hand as is pictured on TV commercial Cigarette smoking is a vital part of tha image which he has of himself an therefore he refuses to consider anythin which might weaken or destroy tha image.

Still another reason might be tha smoking is a part of the life of the teen age crowd and that the pressure to b a part of the crowd is so great that distorts our considerations of the truth

HOW TO CONCLUDE

(In some statement or discussion r late the following information)

In presenting the life situations many men, the Scriptures indirectly kee saying, To be right with yourself, to b honest with oneself, get closer to Go Immediately upon realizing that he ha sinned the Prodigal resolved I will aris and go to my father. Let's be certai about one thing which Jesus says; whe we have difficulty in accepting ourselv for what we are, when we are ashame of ourselves, God accepts us. And upo the basis of that knowledge and assu ance that God accepts us and loves u and can redeem us. We have a strong basis upon which we can accept ou selves and come to know the truth abou ourselves and the world about us. Go delivers us from self-pity, self-excus and self-defense.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 22 The Beginning of Lies Genesis 3:1

T. Apr. 23 Deceitfulness Genesis 27:22-

W. Apr. 24 Deliberate Dishonesty Acts 5:1-

T. Apr. 25 Denying Christ Matthew 26:69-

F. Apr. 26 The Destiny of Liars Revelation 21

S. Apr. 27 Exhortation to Honesty Ephesians 4:25-

Sun. Apr. 28—Topic: How Honest Are You? Proverbs 12:

Comments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr., minist of St. John's Evangelical Congregational Chur in Allentown, Pennsylvania

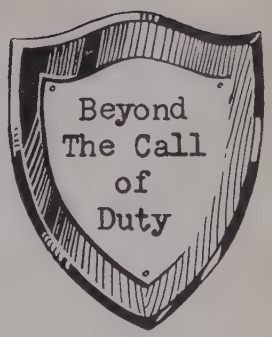
Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: What Is a Christian?

The Extraordinary Way of Life

Matthew 5:38-48
(Palm Sunday)



Suggested Program

Pre-prayer service (for all taking part in the program)
Prelude
Call to worship: Psalm 119:97-100
Hymn: *In the Service of the King*
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Prayer
Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*
Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48
Offertory
Special Music
Topic Presentation
a. The leader's introduction
b. The first talk
c. The second talk
d. Illustrations
e. Discussion
Announcements
Hymn: *There's a New Day Dawning*
Benediction

Publicity

Be sure that announcements are made in the regular meetings of the society. Make them far enough in advance to arouse interest in the subject and plans. Take or send announcements to the Senior High Sunday school classes. Take a written one to the person who prepares the church bulletin and paper.

Prepare a poster that has columns like a newspaper with the word *extra* at the top. A caption *Christian Endeavor looks at extraordinary life.* Then give time, date, and place. Or use a poster showing a person in military uniform reading a citation and saying, *For extraordinary service beyond the call of duty.* And the caption, *Find out about the extraordinary life at,* give time, date, and place.

Possible Project

Some weeks before the date of this topic announce that the Christian Endeavor Society will present a *Second Mile* award to someone. Select a committee to name the person to receive the award. The recognition might go to a young person who has done something that is unusual in the area of service to the church, other people, or the community. It could be an adult that has given much time and energy to helping the youth of the church or community. It should only be presented for deserving activity. The committee could have a carefully worded citation typed or hand printed to be presented at the Christian Endeavor meeting. It would be wise to consult with the counselor and the minister concerning the individual who would be most deserving of such an award. Properly promoted this could arouse much interest.

Leader's Introduction

The leader introduces the topic by the following talk. (Relate it in your own words).

The topic we are considering in our meeting is *The Extraordinary Way of Life.* We are looking at two ways of life. The first is that of *an eye for an eye* and the other is the way of the *second mile.* We are going to have two talks on these two ideas or philosophies and then we will have a discussion period. You might like to write a few notes or questions down as the speakers talk. Let us have the first on *an eye for an eye.*

FIRST TALK (Relate the following in your own words.)

This is a hard world and everyone must stand up for his own rights. There are those who will just push others around if they get a chance. If you don't take your own part no one else will. If a person lets some one run over him then everyone will do the same thing. Everyone must just fight for what he thinks is his or he will never get it. It's just natural to retaliate if someone does another wrong. This is just human nature. So why not live by the code?

In the book of Exodus, chapter 21, beginning with the 24th verse, it tells of the law of retaliation. It says, "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning and stripe for stripe." Thus if another is injured by your action you shall have the same thing done to you. This same chapter goes on and tells the requirements for a variety of infractions. All of them tell how much each injury shall cost. For example in verse one of chapter 22 it declares that if a man steal an ox and kill or sell it he shall restore five oxen for it. He shall restore four sheep for one. After all it's only fair to restore what has been taken or damaged. Any arrangement that tries to pay back according to the hurt sounds like a good thing to me.

In the modern penal system there is an effort to mete out punishment according to the seriousness of the crime. Often on the lips of young people are words such as, "I didn't start it. He did." Or, "He hit me first and all I did was to hit him back." "I only paid him back for what he did to me." "I was just getting even."

SECOND TALK (Relate the following in your own words.)

It is true that the Old Testament does say an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus makes the statement that we find in Matthew 5:38. Then He goes on to show how under the new law men would act differently. He is describing how the Christian will act. He quotes a series of regulations from the Old Testament and then follows with, "But I say unto you" and gives a new principle by which to live. And in each situation the follower of Christ is asked to live above the law of retaliation.

Jesus uses an example, in the 41st verse of chapter 5 of Matthew, of the practice of compelling one to go a mile with certain officers. It is from this verse that we get the expression of the *second*

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mile. This practice seems to have had its origin in the Persian law regulating the royal mail. The word from the Greek that is translated *compel* is from a word meaning to *impress.* It carries the connotation of *impressing as for a public service.* It goes further back to an international law that gives the right to a belligerent to use or destroy a neutral's property if necessary, subject to full indemnification. From this several things emerged. The carrier of the Persian royal mail could impress men or their property into service to carry the king's messages. Roman soldiers followed the practice of compelling the people of a conquered nation to transport their gear. There were many abuses of the law until a mile was set as the distance to which any person could be compelled to go. Jesus picked up the custom and used it as an illustration of how his followers were to live the extraordinary life. If they were compelled to go one mile they should go two. It was the way of the Second Mile—the kind of person that would do more than he was called upon to do. A person who would live beyond the call of duty. He would do more than he had to do. His was the abundant life, his was the extraordinary way of life. The message of the new king would produce citizens that do more for each other than they are compelled to do.

The word extraordinary comes from two words. One *ordinary* and the other the latin prefix *extra.* It means, out of the usual order, going far beyond the ordinary degree, measure or limit. It is the very unusual action. It is the exceptional or remarkable act. This is the extraordinary way.

Illustrations from the Bible and History

Jesus was visited by a young lawyer who raised the question of the identity of his neighbor and then Jesus related a story to him. Jesus said that there was a man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and was attacked by a group of thieves. These bandits took his belongings including his clothing and then beat him and left him nearly dead by the side of the road.

After a time a priest came along the road and saw the wounded man but he did nothing to help him. Rather he evaded the wounded one and hurried on down the road to whatever business he had waiting him.

There followed a Levite, one of a special family among the Jews, and the Levite only looked at the wounded man and hurried on to his destination.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is the extraordinary life too idealistic for the 20th century?
2. Is this way of life usable in school, the office, in a shop, on an athletic field?
3. Could this be a method of settling differences between nations today?
4. Would a young person who attempted to follow this way be looked upon as a square?
5. Look at these as possible principles of the extraordinary way of life and discuss what they mean.
   a. Courage
   b. A forbearing spirit
   c. A passion to be of service without counting the cost

The third traveler was a Samaritan, rejected and hated by the Jews. In the eyes of the Jews this Samaritan had no standing. He was classed with the dogs. The Samaritan stopped and took care of the wounds of the one who had been robbed. Then he helped him on his own means of transportation, a beast of burden, and guided him to an inn where he could recover from his injuries. The Samaritan paid the innkeeper and promised to pay any more that might be incurred.

When we attempt to evaluate the action of the three travelers we dismiss the first two quickly and with a measure of scorn. Yet we can find their counterpart in our modern life. In the Samaritan we find a comrade of the Second Mile. He could have easily helped the man with his wounds and left him to care for himself. But he traveled another mile and transported him to further care. Then the Samaritan went even another mile by paying the bill and yet still another mile did he go to secure the future care for the wounded man by guaranteeing payment to the keeper of the inn. His was surely the *Extraordinary Way of Life.*

In the book of Acts there is a story of a man whose name was Barnabas. He was a member of the early Christian church and when there was a great ingathering of the gifts of the people Barnabas gave too. He had a piece of land and having sold it brought the total price of it and gave it to the apostles for their use in the church. The gift is apparently an extraordinary one, for it is singled out by Luke and related. Others gave, but only Barnabas is singled out by name.

Luke tells of a woman who lived the extraordinary life in the 9th chapter of Acts. The woman was named Dorcas. When she became sick and died her house was filled with the people she h helped. Many of them were displayi the clothing that she had made for the Luke's comment about her was that s was a woman "full of good works a almsdeeds." She has been held in estee by the Christian women of the centuri and many classes and women's organiz tions have been named for her. All th is in tribute to a woman whose life sto is told in seven verses of the Bibl Truly the extraordinary way of life greatly to be desired.

In London there lived a young m by the name of Hudson Taylor. O day he was called down to the slum ar to minister and to pray with a woma who was thought to be dying. He foun her very ill and the family starving a with no food in the house. Taylor w very poor and had but a half a crow in his possession. This was about 6 cents. If he could have he woul have given her all but a six pence. B it couldn't be divided as it was but o coin. As he saw the poverty and nee he re-examined his faith. He asked hi self why? If he could feel that he coul trust God to take care of him with s pence in his pocket why couldn't h trust Him to take care of him with not ing in his pocket. In agony of mind a spirit and feeling himself lacking faith at once he gave her the coin. A he had. He then returned to his hom

The next morning when the postma came he brought Hudson Taylor a le ter and in it was a coin worth four time as much as the one he had given th woman. This was a turning point in th life of Taylor. He began a life of co plete trust in God. He took as his guid for life the words, "My God shall supp all of your needs." Later he was to sta the China Inland Mission and it w launched on just the same principle. A God blessed and did supply the needs Taylor and of the Mission. He learne to live the extraordinary way of life. is an interesting and important sequel the story that the woman he visited g well and was able to care for her famil

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 1 Everyday Duty II Chronicles 8:12-
T. Apr. 2 Esther Dares More Than Duty Esther 4:13-5
W. Apr. 3 The Whole Duty of Man Ecclesiastes
T. Apr. 4 Do as I Do Philippians 4:1
F. Apr. 5 The Acme of Examples Matthew 18:1-
S. Apr. 6 The Servant of All Galatians 5:10-
Sun. Apr. 7—Topic: The Extraordinary Life Matthew 5:38-
(Palm Sunday)

Comments by Elwood Dunn, general secreta of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union a extension representative of the Internation Society of Christian Endeavor

Topic 2 in a Unit: What Is a Christian?

Eternal Life — Now and Forever

John 3:22-36
(Easter)

uggested Program

ssemble with Easter music
all to worship: Use a verse of the hymn *Jesus Lives*
ymn: *He Lives*
ayer period
ymn: *In the Garden*
cripture: John 3:22-36
ymn: *He Rose Triumphantly*
nnouncements
ffering
pecial music
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enediction

o the Counselor

This topic presentation may require a tle more advance planning than some. It intended to be a different approach to e Easter lesson than is sometimes used. hoose the participants as early as possible. they are to memorize, it will take more dvance work. However it is certain to be e most effective manner of doing the pic. The more put into preparation the ore returns there will be.

reating the Atmosphere

This is a good time to do something at is different. Build a worship center round a large white lily.

Take a picture of the topic scripture ith a colored slide and use it as a setting r the worship. This central text of John :36a could be printed on a poster and sed along with the Bible.

Ask the members to assemble in a room ther than the meeting one and at roper time usher them in while Easter usic is playing.

Ways of Presenting the Topic

This topic could be presented in one f the following ways:

1. Have the participants memorize the aterial and present it in as natural nd effective way as possible.

2. Use the material in a simulated adio playlet. Everyone taking part hould be very familiar with the script nd seek to get the proper emphasis in he reading.

Our Aim

It is intended that this topic should take the concept of eternal life out of the far away nebulous future and make it a realistic part of every day activity.

3. Have the topic read by people off the stage while the three youths are acted on the platform.

4. Have different people make talks on the central idea in each section. Conclude with a discussion of eternal life, now and forever.

The Topic

Youth enters, looks around, wanders about the platform and stops before an Easter lily (or other flower). He pulls a dead leaf from the plant and stands turning it over and over in his fingers. He speaks as if trying to find an answer or solution for the question in his mind.

A dead leaf — *(pauses)* Just a short time ago this was full of life and color. It was soft and filled with moisture. My teacher would remind me that the green is chlorophyl. Now it is dry and withering. Tomorrow it will be even dryer and would crumble in my fingers. Someone will throw it out and it will just get lost in the vastness of the universe. You too, *(looking at and touching the blossom)* will lose your whiteness and lovely scent and slowly disappear into nothingness. The leaves will fall and the stem get hard and wrinkled. And the end of a beautiful flower. Never, never to be seen again. I wonder *(pause)* I wonder, *(more pause)*, is it like this with people. My grandmother, she's pretty wrinkled up. She doesn't weigh near as much as she did. Look at me, *(looks at hand and feels muscle)* that's how firm I am. And that muscle is getting harder all the time. Work outs in the gym are good for me. I could run a mile right now and never puff. Will I get wrinkled and shriveled up too, like my grandmother? Then what happens, will I get lost in the vastness of the universe just like a leaf? I wonder . . . I wonder?

Youth goes out deep in thought. An off stage voice reads Job 14:1-14a. (Choose some one who reads well and whose voice carries).

Second youth comes in. Sniffs several times at his clothing, then speaks.

Wow,' I sure smell like that old hospital. I wonder if all hospitals smell that way. Smells like ether and medicine, soap and disinfectant. I suppose they are all alike since they have to be so clean and sterile. Can't have any germs around. I'm sure glad I'm not staying in that place. Hospitals really are needed though. If it hadn't been for that one Tommy would have died, I guess. I'm real glad I went to see him even if the place did leave me smelling like a wandering drug store. Old Tom looked funny with his leg in that plaster cast and fastened to that bunch of weights and ropes. Everyone who visited him signed their name on the cast. All our whole gang has been there it looked like. He sure is one lucky guy to come out of that automobile wreck with just a broken leg and some scratches. Boy, the car is sure a mess. He says he has learned his lesson about speeding. All of us have been driving more carefully since Tom's accident. Suppose Tom hadn't come out alive or had died in the hospital—that would have been awful! Where would he be right now? Certainly makes a fellow do some thinking. They say there are two places you can go—heaven or hell. I believe Tom would have gone to heaven though. He's a Christian alright. We accepted Christ the same

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night last winter at the church. Yeah, he's stuck pretty close to the church ever since. With Tom in heaven it would seem a lot closer. I am thankful he didn't go yet. I wonder what heaven is really like?

Voice reads John 14:1-4 and Revelation 21:1-4. (Youth goes out in deep thought). Music either vocal or instrumental using hymn, Some Day I'll Understand.

Third youth enters and looks around hunting someone.

Well, I wonder where Joe is. He was supposed to meet me here after he visited Tommy at the hospital. Boy! there's a lucky guy if there ever was one! I guess I'm pretty lucky myself, come to think of it. If I hadn't been told to be home by 11:30 I would have been in that wrecked car along with Tom. I wonder if my leg would have been broken like his? Maybe both of mine would have been broken. I'm still scared over it. What if I hadn't gotten out of the wreck at all? Suppose the rest of the kids would miss me? Joe would, I know. Maybe I better do some thinking about *me*. I am really glad I'm a Christian and accepted Christ as my Saviour along with the rest last winter. I didn't think much about eternal life then. I wanted to have Christ as Lord and to do what He wanted. Eternal life—that has a mysterious but wonderful sound. What is that story in the Bible about the young man who wanted to receive eternal life? *(goes to the Bible and thumbs through).* I ought to find it, Mom just read it for quiet hour. Luke? nooo, Matthew ah, here it is. Yes, that is just what he asked Jesus. "What good thing can I do to inherit eternal life?" He was young. Maybe just my age. I'm not rich like he was. Now what did Jesus tell him? Right here it is, keep the commandments. Then He lists some of them. Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness. Honour your father and mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, (Matthew 19:18-19). The young man says that he kept these laws all his life. He was a pretty good fellow. I don't know whether I could say all that or not. Dad and I have a little trouble about the car now and then. The real trouble with parents is that you get them so late in life that you can't change them much. Still Dad is pretty good and he's really thinking of me, I guess. Yet all this didn't satisfy Jesus for He said, Go sell all you have and give it to the poor. If the young man wanted to do a good thing this would be one! To help the poor with his money, all his money. That still isn't enough, for Jesus goes on to say, Then come, and follow me. Perhaps He means that this giving to the poor would be a good thing to do but if you want to inherit eternal life, you have to follow Jesus. Well, no one gets eternal life unless he does follow Jesus. Our Christian Endeavor is a lot different ever since so many of us accepted Christ. Some of our meetings make Christ seem very near and He really is. That would be eternal life wouldn't it? Or does Eternal life begin when you die? That's a good question!! Maybe I've got it right now! That would be wonderful! To possess eternal life right now. I wish Joe would come I'd like to ask him about it. I think I'll go over and ask the minister. He's a real good guy. You can talk to him about anything. And he never laughs at you or makes you feel stupid or silly because you don't know about things. Come to think of it, that's probably where ole' Joe is right now! He's probably drinking up some of that good hot chocolate. Hey, Joe, leave some for me, here I come!

Youth is stopped at the door by a voice reading John 3:31-36. At the end of the reading he goes on out. Appropriate music could be used here again, for example, He Lives, or Beyond the Sunset.

The three young people return together to the platform or stage.

THIRD YOUTH: I thought I wouldn't get any hot chocolate at all when I looked in and saw you two soaking it up like a couple of dry sponges. Joe, how can you hold so much of it?

SECOND YOUTH: Oh, it's easy, you see I'm like a camel with a couple of storage tanks.

FIRST YOUTH: You don't have to worry anyway there's always plenty at the preacher's house.

THIRD YOUTH: Yeah, he sure is a good guy.

SECOND YOUTH: What about that idea of his that you're eternal now.

FIRST YOUTH: Well, it really wasn't his idea, you know. He got it right out of the New Testament.

THIRD YOUTH: That's right. It says it just as clear as can be. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Now that's in the present tense and means you have it now!

SECOND YOUTH: You have to be a believer to have eternal life. And that's just what we are—believers on the Son of God.

FIRST YOUTH: In that case we have some thing in our possession, that is of great value. *(musingly)* I have, own, possess eternal life RIGHT NOW! Why, I am rich!

THIRD YOUTH: That means everything you do is for eternity. It lasts forever in the records. That means the good and bad things doesn't it?

SECOND YOUTH: Yes, it does, except that you are forgiven of the bad ones if you ask for forgiveness. I John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

THIRD YOUTH: That's right, and the Bible also says that these sins are remembered against you no more.

FIRST YOUTH: Look right here in Psalm 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

THIRD YOUTH: This having eternal life now makes a big difference doesn't it? If what and how I do something is "forever" I better think the whole matter over before I do it.

SECOND YOUTH: If something is going to be a part of me forever it ought to be worthwhile. What's worth living forever anyhow?

FIRST YOUTH: Remember how it says "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three, and the greatest of these is love." (I Corinthians 13:13.)

THIRD YOUTH: All the good and loving acts done in the name of Jesus are sure to live with us now and forever.

Voice reads I Corinthians 15:51-57. This could be followed by music like He Arose, and the benediction.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 8 The Eternal Reign of God Exodus 15:11-1

T. Apr. 9 The Everlasting Gospel Revelation 14:1-

W. Apr. 10 The Everlasting Covenant Hebrews 13:19-2

T. Apr. 11 The Everlasting Life John 3:14-2

F. Apr. 12 The Heavenly Mansions John 14:1-1

S. Apr. 13 The Glorious Hope Colossians 1:23-2

Sun. Apr. 14—Topic: Eternal Life—Now and Forever **John 3:22-3**

(Easter)

Comments by Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union and extension representative of the International Society of Christian Endeavor

Topic 1 in a Unit: Teen-Age Tender Spots

When You've Had It

Exodus 17:1-6

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e-Prayer Service
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troductory remarks by the Leader
ng Service: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart; Beneath the Cross of Jesus; God's Way My Way*
ntence Prayers
ife Episodes, Buzz Groups, and Discussion
ummary
ymn: *Living for Jesus*
nnouncements and Offering
ymn: *Now I Belong to Jesus*
losing Prayer and Benediction

ublicity

Announce the meeting and topic with erhaps a little dialogue in the Bible school our.
Have a tel-e-thon on Sunday afternoon invite members and friends.
Prepare an announcement for the church ulletin, or monthly calendar.
Let the poster show a dejected or pouting youth on one side, and one with eyes xed toward the cross on the other. Write, *Which way do you look?* in addition to opic and time.

oom Setting

In order to give a sense of facing real roblems, yet in a detached way, have a heet or curtains at the front of the room, nd a voice or voices behind the scenes o present the problems that are to be discussed. Included could be a spokesman rom your youth and others for dialogue, n father and mother, and possibly a Christian guidance instructor or psychologist who ight be played by your pastor. These ould remain anonymous until the program s concluded. Lights could fade up and down after each episode is presented, with rightness for buzz groups and discussion.

Introduction of Topic

Let there be the sound of the dropping of a pan, and an impatient voice saying *"Oh, if I didn't have to do this—I hate it."* The leader can then make some remarks showing that this is a typical problem that we all face and that during the evening we hope to face up to a number of similar problems in true to life incidents. At this moment it might be well to have the counselor give a brief summary of teen characteristics. A good book that will help you in this is *An Introduction to Child Study* by Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Moody Press, Chicago.

The leader should then introduce the song leader for the evening, along with the pianist and go immediately into the song service.

Our Aims

To help the Christian Teen-ager face up to life problems by:

1. **Turning to God for help.**
2. **Heeding God's Word, and waiting in prayer, before action.**
3. **Obeying God's will.**

Presentation of Episodes

Those presenting the dialogue behind the scenes will need to use considerable imagination to bring out the proper tone of voice or typical response to the given situation.

The young people in the meeting room should be divided into buzz groups of four or five, so that when the incident is completed they can talk it over for a minute or two after which the leader can ask for their findings. (The Buzz groups should attempt to answer these three questions after each episode:)

1. What triggered the action?
2. What should be done to remedy the situation?
3. How to avoid the repetition of it?

FIRST EPISODE

Two young people discuss the fact that their allowance is not sufficient. They think that their folks ought to do better by them. They can't keep up with the rest of the kids that way and so are grumbling. Give the impression that they don't want to work for extra money either with parents or outside the home.

Have read aloud Exodus 17:1-6. (Two minutes for buzz group. Two minutes for findings—time it.)

SECOND EPISODE

"That character over there got the part in that school play, when I deserved it after all my hard work." "Boy, am I ever going to show him a thing or to, I'll not even cooperate by taking a smaller part." A teacher's voice should be heard announcing the parts for a class play, and the voice above could come out in a loud whisper. The teacher could continue the reading with the typical comments above inserted.

Have read aloud Romans 15:1-6. (Discussion as before.)

THIRD EPISODE

A brother and sister are talking over with their mother situations in which the girl, after much careful thought and preparation of her speech which she thought was almost perfect, got cut down by the kids in their criticism time following the speech. The brother has his problem too. He is blaming the track, the starter, the lack of cheering, etc. for his failure to win the race. Both of them feel that there isn't much use in trying anymore. Have read aloud II Corinthians 6:1-6. (The group should do a lot of good brainstorming with this one.)

FOURTH EPISODE

Have the voices of the Lookout Committee in session. The chairman asks for a progress report on one of the kids they have been especially hoping they could reach for Christ. Have one member report how he has laughed at them, told them he wouldn't be found tying in with that kind of a crowd, doesn't want that church stuff, etc. Have them

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talk as if it isn't worth it to try any more, they've had it. Have read aloud Luke 8:11-15. (This attitude of quitting should bring out a number of good ideas.)

FIFTH EPISODE

Have a couple of fellows talking to their dad about the way they are slighted by some of the fellows because their Christian testimony won't allow them to go with the crowd to some of their parties, or to indulge in smoking or drinking. Let them intimate that maybe they ought to let loose and have a little Fun once in a while.

Have read aloud John 16:26-33.

(Overcomers in Christ should be the conclusion of the group.)

SIXTH EPISODE

Have some girls talk about the traits of popularity according to the world's standards. Let them name off what it takes to attract the fellows, and have them question back and forth whether Christ would let them do some of those things.

Have read aloud Acts 2:38-42.

(Popularity has a true and a false sense of values unless Christ is preeminent.)

SUMMARY

This is a spot for your Pastor, counselor, or some trusted adult. Their warm-hearted understanding of youth and the problems youth face coupled with Christian conviction can show how life can be pretty wonderful in spite of the old nature that always wants to exalt itself instead of taking a lowly position.

A good conclusion for such a summary would be the example of the Lord Jesus and how he came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many (see Mark 10:45). And then too, stress that if we serve with Him now, we shall reign with Him for ever and ever (see Revelation 22:3-5).

Thoughts about the Scripture

In Chapter 16 Israel murmured because there was no food. God miraculously provided manna and quails.

Now in chapter 17 after some journey there was no water and they murmured some more. So Moses went to God and told Him that the people were about to stone him. God spoke to him and told him to take his rod (it had been used in crossing the Red Sea) with the elders for witness, and strike the rock. Water came out.

He gave the place a name of chiding and strife. Sometimes we need to be reminded of our lack of faith.

Five Fears

FEAR OF GIVING OFFENSE. Actually to say "no" to something that is wrong will bring respect. When you politely, but firmly say "No thank you", it is rude for others to try to persuade you (see Daniel 1:8).

FEAR OF LOSING FRIENDS. You ought to live in such a way that you would strengthen your friends in living right too. They are not worthy friends if they drop us (see Corinthians 10:13).

FEAR OF BEING THOUGHT QUEER. To really stand for right is a symbol of a strong character. Some good Scripture references are Proverbs 1:10; Psalm 1:1; II Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:15.

FEAR OF BEING THOUGHT COWARDLY. Remember it is easy to follow the crowd, but it takes courage to stand alone. Colossians 3:17; James 4:7 are appropriate.

FEAR OF RIDICULE. God is the first to be pleased. He tells us that we are not to cause others to stumble, Romans 14:21-23; or to offend a little one, Matthew 18:6.

Closing Moments

Once more let the lights be dimmed and focus the group's attention on a crucifixion scene as a soloist sings *With Thy Spirit Fill Me.* If time permits have a number of closing sentence prayers.

Alternate Development

Assign a number of typical youth problems two weeks before the meeting. Let each young person ponder his assignment, set forth his conclusions before the group, and explain how there can be victory in Christ.

Here are some suggestions.

You are slighted or brushed aside. Your position, ability, or character were not respected. You are upset.

Another is praised or put before you. You are defeated.

Another seems to be chosen before you, or gets the breaks. You are mad about it.

You have been kind to someone at a little cost to yourself. Then it was not appreciated, or there is no response. You are defeated.

Your advice is ignored or not asked for. You are disturbed.

You are on time, others aren't. you give them a bad time when the come.

You keep things neat, in your roo at camp or school. Your roommate sloppy. You just can't take it.

Either in the introduction or co clusion of these discussions there shoul be a careful summation of the fact tha the Christian Life is a dying out to se and a living more and more to Chris It is a life in which the Holy Spirit mu literally take control of the mind an heart. Galatians 2:20 and John 3:3 are good verses to use in this regar

Examples

The life in Christ is one of thrilling actio
No passive privilege. It's Christ to live!
The Lord today needs men,
Strong, brave, and radiant,
With message that is true and positive.

This is a day when youth is called to lea
us.
Could any life need youth and vigor more
Let none despise thy youth,
Be an example—
A leader, led by Him whom you adore.

The Lord is calling, still, for more examples
Believers that believe, and let Christ live
And have His way in them,
His Spirit prompting,—
In every open door that life can give.

No one can dare to call himself example
In self's own strength, it is Christ's lif
within.
His faith, His love, His Word,
and Conversation,
His purity and power, all victory win.

So let no man despise thy youth and
newness;
The morning hours are rich in life of ma
He calls us each,
And with each call enables.
Yield to Him now; all rights, and ever
plan.

—Mrs. F. McOvat, Used by permissio

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 15 A Patient God Romans 15:1-
T. Apr. 16 Ministering in Patience II Corinthians 6:1-1
W. Apr. 17 Work of Patience Luke 8:11-1
T. Apr. 18 Have Courage Joshua 10:22-2
F. Apr. 19 The Overcoming Lord John 16:26-3
S. Apr. 20 Stand Steady Acts 2:38-4
Sun. Apr. 21—Topic: When You've Had It Exodus 17:1-

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Topic 2 in a Unit: Teen-Age Tender Spots

Three Dangerous Robbers

Genesis 4:1-8; 37:1-8

uggested Program

re-Prayer Service: (For the leader and all participants in the program).
lusical Opening
ymn: *O Master, Let me Walk with Thee*
cripture: Genesis 4:1-8; 37:1-8
rayer: (by pre-selected people)
nnouncements and Offering
alk on Envy
ymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
alk on Selfishness
ymn: *I Surrender All*
alk on Hatred
ymn: *Have Thine Own Way*
uided Meditation
losing Moments
enediction

ublicity

During the announcement period of he preceding meeting, have three youth ome in with toy pistols pointed at the rowd, each carrying a sign bearing one vord: *Envy, Selfishness, Hatred.* The igns should be held up as they an- nounce the topic for next week. A simi- ar plan may be followed at the Bible chool.

A Poster could read *Are you being obbed of your best for Christ? Come nd see, April 28 at 6:30.*

Postcard reminders to the member- hip regarding the meeting will also be helpful in getting a good attendance.

Room Setting

Since we are dealing today with three dangerous robbers, let's try to make the setting realistic. A jail might be simulated in one corner of the room, and the three figures representing the three problems we face today could be loitering around the front of the room, then toward the end of the meeting they could all be put in jail, so that useful citizens of the Christian city need not be bothered with them. The leader could be arrayed as a sheriff and others could be deputies. There could even be a trial of each of these robbers before they are sentenced, this would require a judge, and of course the audience could be the jury. This could be a different variation for your meeting and yet should bring home the important truth of the topic.

Our Aims

To show youth that selfish characteristics hurt themselves more than others.

1. **Envy takes away joy.**
2. **Selfishness takes away sharing.**
3. **Hate takes away friends.**

Leader's Introduction

Of course all the young people attending will be quite interested in the setting and will be wondering what is happening. The deputies could serve as ushers, and see that all are seated in the jury box. Following the first Hymn the leader could then explain that we are about to encounter some real problems in our lives, and by the grace of God learn how to live with these characters and keep them in their place.

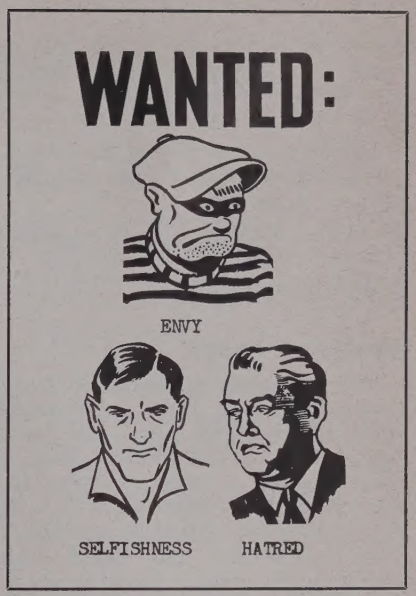
Talk on Envy

1. Have someone read the dictionary statement regarding Envy: "A covetous desire for some advantage . . . (here the representative of envy could make a motion toward the crowd) begrudge the possession of another . . . (Envy could pick up an award given out for scholastic achievement or a sports letter) a feeling of discontent or mortification, accompanied by ill-will . . . desire for superiority, advantage, or success . . ." (Envy could look wistfully at a door labeled "Supervisor")

The judge at this point should clarify the deeds illustrated as the characteristics were read. He can ask for anyone of the witnesses either in defense or against the victim. After some interplay of words, the judge will sentence him, and he would be ushered off to jail.

For Scriptural background the leader may have some young people alerted with the following:

Description: Proverbs 14:30, 27:4; Matthew 27:18; I Corinthians 3:3; I Timothy 6:4.



Forbidden: Proverbs 3:31; Romans 13:-13; I Peter 2:1,2

Consequences: Proverbs 14:30; James 3:16

Talk on Selfishness

Again the judge can have the information regarding the victim read from the dictionary:

"devoted to or caring only for self . . . (selfishness could show a self satisfied expression as he looks into a mirror in his hand) influenced chiefly by consideration of personal interest . . . (walk along with head held high and looking like someone important) his own well-being desired . . . (someone could open a window and he could go quickly to close it) characterized by showing care only for oneself . . ." (show one shouldering one's way up into line)

Scriptural background to be used.

Condemned: II Corinthians 5:15; Philippians 2:4,21; II Timothy 3:1-5; James 2:8,9.

Should be examined: I Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5

Should be crucified: Galatians 5:24; II Peter 2:9,10; Titus 2:12; Romans 6:11

Talk on Hatred

For the indictment of the dictionary read: "to regard with strong or passionate dislike . . . (facial expressions while

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looking at another can be depicted) to detest . . ." (an indication of disgust as a school book for instance is placed in the hand, showing defiance for study)

Scriptural background on the subject.

Things God displeased with: Zechariah 8:11-17; Amos 5:8-15.

Forbidden: Matthew 5:43-45; Galatians 5:20,21; I John 2:9; 3:1; 4:20.

Walk in love: Ephesians 5:1-7

Meditation Period

With the three problems of living having been dealt with, and sentence being passed by the judge, the leader will pass out to each young person a sheet of paper on which is written *My Besetting Sin.* Tell them that in the next few minutes they should be real honest with themselves, and should think through relationships at home, at school, in social life, and in the church. Ask them to write privately the items that are problems to them. Assure them that this is confidential. During this time it would be well to have soft background music.

Following this period of meditation and self-examination have each one fold up the sheet listing the besetting sins and place it on an offering plate in front of the cross. This could be an act of re-dedication and consecration for each one present.

Close this part of the meeting with either a poem or a hymn of dedication followed by the group repeating in unison The Christian Endeavor Pledge.

Another If

If you can watch your every form of action
Within your home, as well as when without;
And choose from myriad sources of attraction
The things that are worth while to know about;
If you can hold your tongue, and only use it
For gentle speech, and not for idle show;
And keep your body clean, and not abuse it—
This duty to your afterself you owe:

If you can practice truth in all your dealings,
And make, forever, kindliness your creed;
If you consider other people's feelings
By all your conduct, both in word and deed;
If you can be your best with those who know you,
And also, with the men you chance to meet,
Be decent to the ones that are below you—
Nor sneer at them, nor snub them on the street;

If you can greet a torn and battered brother,
And make him know and feel that you're his friend;
If you can share your last loaf with another,
And stand or go with him to any end;
If you can ease the load of one who labors,
By giving him a lift along the road;
And also sympathize with friends and neighbors—
The mind doth always bear the heavier load;

If you can lead a life of pure devotion,
And not adhere to hollow creed or form;
And have control of self on this life's ocean,
No matter how, in fury, rage the storm,
You may not get a medal, diamond centered—
You may not rate a niche in halls of fame,
But everyone into whose life you've entered
Will rise in gratitude and bless your name.

—Seth Baker, Used by permission from Along Life's Highway

Alternate Methods

Two weeks before the meeting assign buzz group leaders using the six *Daily Bible Readings* topics and Scripture. They should be instructed to lead their buzz group in analyzing the Scripture and reporting on it to the rest of the society.

Use the three words, *Envy, Selfishness,* and *Hatred* and discover their meaning by suggesting for each letter a word that means the opposite of it.

Take the words *Envy, Selfishness,* and *Hatred,* and have the young people analyze their meaning by making a sentence using the first letters, or using descriptive words that bring out their meaning, such as:

E xternal	S elf
N eeds	E xplains
V ie with	L ife
Y ourself	F ailure
	I f
H ate	S elf
A flame	H inders
T umbles	N ew
R ight	E ndeavors for
E ndeavors	S piritual
D aily	S urrender

Bible Resources

A lesson in self-examination is st gested in James the fourth chapter.

NO PEACE
- Self-gratification verse 1
- Unrestrained craving verse 2

NO ANSWER TO PRAYER
- Failure to ask God verse 2
- Selfish verse 3

NO POWER WITHOUT GOD
- Friendship with World verse 4
- Resisting God verse 6
- Lack of Communion verse 8
- No Contrition for sin verses 8,9

NO LOVE FOR OTHERS
- Speak evil verse 11
- Usurping authority verse 12

NO DEPENDENCE ON GOD
- On self verse 13
- Presumptuous verses 14,15

A lesson in knowing the leading of G in the affairs of life taken from Genes 24.

THE WAY OF OBEDIENCE verse 9
THE WAY OF SEPARATION verse 10
THE WAY OF THE WORD verses 3,4
THE WAY OF PRAYER verses 12-15
THE WAY OF FELLOWSHIP verse 26
THE WAY OF WITNESSING
- Will not eat verse 33
- Doubts arise verse 39
- Surety given verse 50

THE WAY OF CONQUERING verse 58
THE WAY OF FULFILLMENT verse 67

Aspirations from Hebrews in the litt phrase *"Let us"*.

FEAR 4:1
ENTER 4:11
HOLD FAST 4:14
COME 4:16
DRAW NEAR 10:22
CONSIDER 10:24
LAY ASIDE 12:1
GO FORTH 13:13

Daily Bible Readings

M. Apr. 22 Rottenness of the Bones Proverbs 14:27-
T. Apr. 23 Walk Honestly Acts 6:1
W. Apr. 24 Past Feeling Ephesians 4:17-
T. Apr. 25 Things God Hates Zechariah 8:11-
F. Apr. 26 Hate Evil and Love Good Amos 5:8-
S. Apr. 27 Walk in Love Ephesians 5:1
Sun. Apr. 28—Topic: Three Dangerous Robbe Genesis 4:1-8;37:1

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

opic Summaries for April

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Joan Pyle, and Jay Sheffield.

Christian Beliefs (four topics)

I Believe in God the Father

Genesis 1; John 14:6-12

believe" is the great beginning, the oundation of all religious experience. Vhat one believes shapes his character. ut of the heart come the issues of life discuss Proverbs 4:23). Study for sevral weeks our fundamental Christian eliefs. What do you believe are the ssential beliefs? Our understanding of triune God begins in God the Father. Ie is creator, sustainer of life, source of he other persons of the Trinity, judge, nd rewarder of the faithful. Seek and tudy Scripture passages that reveal hese. What is the difference between od the Father and a father-God? What haracteristics and purposes of God are evealed in events leading up to Calvary? In the "forsaken" time at Calvary? What do we learn about God in the perion of Christ?

2. I Believe in God the Son

John 1:1-14; 6:44-59

Belief in God is the foundation of faith; belief in Jesus Christ is essential for access to Him. God's Son was present at the creation, is one in the counsels of the Father, is the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan, is very God Himself. Study together what He taught were His purposes. (Use your concordance and Bible dictionary.) List the many names and titles denoting Christ; discuss the meaning of each. How does each describe Him? His mission? Trace the steps or events by which Jesus made known His deity, discussing the significance of each. Does His resurrection have any relationship with our immortality? If so, describe it. What does Jesus teach about heaven?

3. I Believe in God the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:1-8; 4:13-31

Belief in Christ and His Gospel leads to a wonderful belief in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. All Christians *have* the Spirit; the Christlike ones are *filled* with Him. What is the difference? The function of the Spirit is well described in John 16:7-15. Study this and the topic passages and then answer and discuss:

- What is His threefold work today?
- How was His coming essential to Christ's continuing ministry?
- What does He do for the individual Christian? For the non-Christian?
- Why is belief in and knowledge of the Spirit necessary for all our Christian beliefs today?
- How is the power of the Holy Spirit limited in our age?

4. I Believe in God's Holy Word

II Timothy 3:14-4:8; Romans 10:1-17

Belief in the triune God is established, sustained, and strengthened by belief in His Word. By it we are made to know His will and His way. Growing Christians must be fed by the Bread of Life. How could a Bible-reading campaign be sponsored by your group? Has the Quiet Hour pledge been presented recently? Christian beliefs, as taught in the Word, have been summed up in comprehensive statements such as the Apostles' Creed. Read it or another creed carefully, and then discuss it, item by item. Does it express your beliefs? Does it leave anything unsaid? After this study, write a statement of belief using modern phraseology and contemporary thought. Prove items by Scripture.

Where there's a will...

WHERE there's a Will . . . there's a way for a Christian to make known his personal desires and intentions.

Without a Will, there is no way by which the Christian can determine the final disposition of his possessions. The person who dies without a Will leaves his property to be distributed by the state. Rigid laws govern the distribution of the assets of an estate not covered by a Will. They specify precisely who the heirs shall be and how much they will receive—and there is no way the individual's particular desires or the requirements of different members of his family can be reflected. There is no opportunity for charitable bequests or for any special provisions for the Lord's work.

With a Will, *there is a way* for the Christian to make sure that his concern as a good steward of his possessions will be reflected even after his death. He can provide for his human family and also for the church which nurtured his spiritual life and for some of the causes, such as Christian Endeavor, which have brought blessing to him.

It has been estimated that 70% of those who die in the United States leave no Will and less than half of those who do make a Will leave anything to the church and its causes. Consult your lawyer about the proper way to write your Will and about including the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will.

No law requires anyone to make a Will . . . but it is the Christian's privilege and duty.

Two Helpful Resources

With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor by Phyllis G. Brown and Bert H. Davis. This 48-page book covers leadership, organization, program, projects, and includes topic summaries for a year of meetings. Available for 75c from the Publishing Department of the International Society.

Bibliography for Adult and Young Adult Societies. Lists available resources under these headings: Adults in the Church, Bible, Church History, Citizenship, Evangelism, Family, Labor, Prayer, Programs, Projects, Science, Sex and Marriage, Stewardship, and Theology. Available without charge from the International Society.

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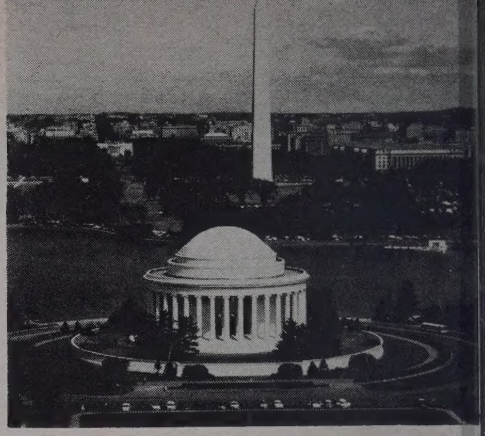

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PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

The keynote message at the opening session on Tuesday night will be given by Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Bishop Meadows is president of the International Society and also of the World's Union.

Rev. Earl Wesley Lawson of Malden, Massachusetts, will speak Wednesday night. Mr. Lawson is minister of Emmanuel Baptist Church and is well known as a youth speaker. He teaches weekday released time religious education classes in Boston, Cambridge, and in Watertown at Perkins School for the Blind.

Thursday evening's speaker is the honorable Frank Carlson, United States Senator from Kansas. A Baptist layman, he served as the general chairman of the Youth for Christ Capital Teen Convention December 27-29.

An emphasis on the Christian's role in the space age will be given on Friday night by Dr. George K. Schweitzer, professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He teaches and directs research in the fields of inorganic and nuclear chemistry and is presently working on his thesis for a Ph.D. in Religion at New York University. A member of First Baptist Church, he is lecturer for a Sunday morning program which attracts about 200 college students.

Speaking at the great closing session on Saturday night will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, honorary president of the World's Union. He is editor of CHRISTIAN HERALD magazine, the author of a number of books, and widely known as a speaker.